

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2964

To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Chisholm Trail and Great Western Trail historic cattle-drive trails for study and for potential addition to the National Trails System, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2005

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. BOREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Chisholm and Great  
5       Western Cattle Trails Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE CHISHOLM TRAIL FOR**  
2 **STUDY AND FOR POTENTIAL ADDITION TO**  
3 **THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM.**

4 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16  
5 U.S.C. 1244(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(\_\_\_\_) THE CHISHOLM TRAIL NATIONAL HISTORIC  
8 TRAIL (ALSO KNOWN AS THE ABILENE TRAIL).—The  
9 Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a study of the  
10 routes commonly known as the Chisholm Trail, from the  
11 vicinity of Brownsville, Texas; northward through the vi-  
12 cinity of San Antonio, Texas and segments from the vicin-  
13 ity of Cuero, Texas; to Ft. Worth, Texas; Duncan, Okla-  
14 homa, and alternate segments used through Oklahoma, to  
15 Enid, Oklahoma; Caldwell, Kansas; Wichita, Kansas; Abi-  
16 lene, Kansas; and the segments running to alternative  
17 Kansas destinations that were commonly used, to deter-  
18 mine the feasibility and suitability of designation of one  
19 or more of the routes as components of the Chisholm Trail  
20 National Historic Trail.”.

21 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF THE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL FOR**  
22 **STUDY AND FOR POTENTIAL ADDITION TO**  
23 **THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM.**

24 Section 5(c) of the National Trails System Act (16  
25 U.S.C. 12441(c)) is amended by adding at the end the  
26 following new paragraph:

1 “(\_\_\_\_) THE GREAT WESTERN TRAIL NATIONAL  
2 HISTORIC TRAIL (ALSO KNOWN AS THE DODGE CITY  
3 TRAIL).—The Secretary of the Interior shall undertake a  
4 study of the routes commonly known as the Great Western  
5 Trail, from the vicinity of San Antonio, Texas, north-by-  
6 northwest through the vicinities of Kerrville and Menard,  
7 Texas; north-by-northeast through the vicinities of Cole-  
8 man and Albany, Texas; north through the vicinity of  
9 Vernon, Texas, to Doan’s Crossing, Texas; northward  
10 through Oklahoma through or near the vicinities of Altus,  
11 Lone Wolf, Canute, Vici, May; and north through Kansas  
12 to Dodge City, to determine the feasibility and suitability  
13 of designation of one or more of the routes as components  
14 of the Great Western Trail National Historic Trail.”.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 (a) STUDY REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES.—The  
17 study requirements and objectives specified in section 5(b)  
18 of the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1244(b))  
19 shall apply to studies required by this Act.

20 (b) COMPLETION AND SUBMISSION OF STUDY.—Not  
21 later than three complete fiscal years after the date of the  
22 enactment of this section, the Secretary of the Interior  
23 shall complete and submit to Congress the studies re-  
24 quired. In the case of a study added to this section after  
25 that date, the study shall be completed and submitted to

1 Congress not later than three complete fiscal years after  
2 the date of the enactment of the law adding the study to  
3 this section.

4 **SEC. 5. LAND ACQUISITION.**

5       No lands or interests therein outside the exterior  
6 boundaries of any federally administered area may be ac-  
7 quired by the Federal Government for the Chisholm Trail  
8 or Great Western Trail except with the consent of the  
9 owner thereof.

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